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1. On about 5 September 1955, East German Minister for Heavy Machine Construction Erich Apel departed from East Berlin for Moscow. He took with him the proposed East German Second Five-Year Plan, which is to be examined by the Soviets and coordinated with the plans of the USSR and of the other Soviet ~~satellites~~.
2. It was not known whether Apel was accompanied by a delegation, but it is believed that he took a staff of economic planning experts with him. Neither was it known when Apel is due to return to East Germany.

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